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Interview Summary	Application No. 08/809,340	Applicant(s) PADOVANI	
	Examiner James Mackey	Art Unit 1722	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) James Mackey (3) Ross Schmitt
 (2) Kevin Thigpen (4) _____

Date of Interview Jul 10, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all of record (see attached draft response, including proposed amended claims)

Identification of prior art discussed:
GB 2,263,660; DE 3,928,301; and WO94/15863

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative argued that GB '660 and DE '301 do not have retention means including an annular collar having an interior dimension being smallest in a region remote from the exterior surface of the receiving conveying template, and further argues that the shoulder of DE '301 are projections 9 rather than an annular shoulder. However, the Examiner contends that WO94/15863 (Figures 11-15) disclose retention means including annular collar 30 having an interior "smallest dimension" annular equatorial shoulder remote from the exterior surface of the collar. Applicant's representative proposed claim language (for independent claim 43) reciting that the annular collar interior dimension is smallest "in a region furthest from the exterior surface" (corresponding to the elected species as shown in Figures 19-22), which defines over the collar of WO94/15863 as well as the retention means disclosed in GB '660 and DE '301; a further search is required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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JAMES P. MACKEY
PRIMARY EXAMINER

James Mackey 7/10/02
 Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.